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Okanogan-Wenatchee
National Forest

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File Code: 2450

Date: August 16, 2013

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Okanogan Wenatchee N.F. Supervisor's Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA no later than 4:30 PM local time on or before September 18, 2013 for the Low Pole Stew Contract. This contract is located in T.27N., R.17E., Sections 3, 10, 14, 15, 34 and T.26N., R.17E., Sections 3, 10, 11, 14, 23, 26 W.M., Surveyed, Chelan County, WA. Contract Form FS-2400-13, will be used. The termination date for this contract is March 31, 2017.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of two restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 1.99 miles of specified road reconstruction. A specified road reconstruction cost of \$12,732.74 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 71,434 TONS. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	TON	28,068	11.9	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.19
Grand fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	TON	32,324	11.2	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.19
Softwood Other	Grn Bio Cv	TON	11,042		0.27	0.27	0.00	0.19
Required Removal at Fixed Rates								
	TOTAL		71,434					13,572.46



A bid guarantee is not required.

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$0.27 per TON for biddable species.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the offeror whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. **The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party. (ADDED 7-17-08; INFO FROM R5)**

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, solicitation, and the restorative service projects, please write or call the Okanogan Wenatchee Supervisor's Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 or Wenatchee River Ranger District, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA. 98826, 509 548 2550, or go to the forests' webpage at "<http://fs.usda.gov/resources/okanoganwenatchee/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Rinke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Rinke" clearly distinguishable.

SUSAN RINKE
Contracting Officer